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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS NEGATIVE ON SYRO-PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT

REF: (A) DAMASCUS 4969 (B) BEIRUT 6676

1. CAIRO DAILIES PROMINENTLY FEATURE SIGNING OF SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN ACCORD, NOTING DISAGREEMENT WITHIN PLO RANKS (REF A). ACCORDING TO PRESS, ARAFAT CALLED SAID KAMAL JULY 29 AND ASKED HIM TO ISSUE OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN NAME OF PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION COMMAND SAYING IT HAD NO INFORMATION ON "SO-CALLED AGREEMENT" AND THAT AGREEMENT STILL UNDER STUDY. PAPERS ALSO MADE ONLY BRIEFEST REFERENCE TO ROLE OF LIBD PIPM JALLUD.

2. EGYPTIAN REACTION. EGYPTIANS, UNHAPPY WITH ARRANGEMENT, ARE HAVING DIFFICULT IN EXPRESSING SUITABLE PUBLIC REACTION  
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AND THERE HAS BEEN NO SPECIFIC OFFICIAL MENTION OF IT.

GUMHURRIYA THREW COLD WATER ON EFFECTIVENESS OF AGREEMENT WITH ANALYSIS ATTRIBUTED TO "POLITICAL OBSERVERS " (I.E. PROBABLY MFA) WHICH "POINTED OUT" THAT:

--AGREEMENT IS PRODUCT OF SYRIAN COERCION. SYRIA ABLE TO DICTATE ITS TERMS ON BASIS OF ITS PRESENCE IN LEBANON AND AGREEMENT THEREFORE MAKES NO MENTION OF SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL, "MAIN LEBANESE NATIONALIST-PALESTINIAN DEMAND".

--AGREEMENT IS ATTEMPT BY SYRIA TO CONTAIN AND CONTROL PLO.

--NO LEBANESE NEGOTIATOR TOOK PART IN CONCLUDING AGREEMENT AND SYRIA SPOKE ON BEHALF OF LEBANON.

--AGREEMENT IS "CRUEL LESSON" TO PLO WHICH SHOULD TEACH IT IN FUTURE TO ABJURE "AXIS POLICY" AND "FRAGMENTATION OF NATIONAL PALESTINIAN ACTION."

"OBSERVERS" HOPE THAT AGREEMENT WILL LEAD TO END OF BLOODSHED, BUT THIS "CANNOT BE REALIZED WITHOUT SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL."

3. ON OTHER HAND, GUMHURRIYA TOOK THE HIGH ROAD ON EDITORIAL PAGE, PROCLAIMING "EVERY ZEALOUS ARAB" WELCOMES NEWS OF CEASE FIRE (NOT OF AGREEMENT AS SUCH) AS POSSIBLE END TO BLOODSHED, NEW HOPE FOR SURVIVAL OF PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND, CONSEQUENTLY, PALESTINIAN CAUSE, AND STEP TOWARDS RESTORATION OF ARAB SOLIDARITY.

4. ALLEGED MARONITE REACTION TO AGREEMENT: MEANWHILE, AHAM ALSO TENDS TO SKEPTICISM IN REPORTED "REJECTION" OF AGREEMENT BY CHAMOUN AND GEMAYEL. BOTH SAID TO DEMAND DISTRIBUTION OF PALESTINIANS THROUGH ARAB COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH REPORT NEGLECTS TO MENTION INDICATION IN GEMAYEL'S COMMENTS (AFP) THAT AT LEAST SOME PALESTINIAN PRESENCE WOULD BE TOLERABLE.

5. ISRAELI ARMS SHIPMENTS TO MARONITES: GUMHURRIYA NOTES TIME MAGAZINE REPORT THAT ISRAEL HAS SECRETLY SHIPPED "HUGE QUANTITIES OF SOVIET ARMS" INCLUDING TANKS, TROOP CARRIERS AND GUNS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JOUNIEH. PAPER CLAIMS TO HAVE LEARNED THAT DELIVERIES RESULT FROM PHALANGIST-ISRAELI TALKS IN ROME AND WERE FINANCED BY RICH LEBANESE CHRISTIANS.

6. AHAM EDITORIAL SCORES CHAMOUN AND GEMAYEL FOR "OUTBIDDING EACH OTHER IN EXTREMISM IN ORDER TO GAIN CONTROL OVER MARONITES". CLAIMS, HOWEVER, THAT REAL PROBLEM IS NOT CHAMOUN BUT SYRIA, WHICH HAS LET ITSELF

BE USED IN STRIKING AGAINST PALESTINIANS, "WIPING ITS NATIONAL  
IMAGE IN THE DIRT". WHEN WILL SYRIA WAK UP, EDITORIAL  
ASKS.

7. MILITARY. COVERAGE LIGHT AND INCONSISTENT. AHRAM NOTED  
REDUCTION IN FIGHTING FOLLOWING SIGNING OF AGREEMENT WHILE  
AKHBAR HEADLINES "GRAVE ESCALATION" OF COMBAT IN BEIRUT.

8. YEMENIS IN ASF. AL HAS ASKED SANA TO CONTRIBUTE A  
BATTALION TO ARAB SECURITY FORCES. YEMENI AMBASSADOR  
TOLD PRESS TROOPS ARE READY TO GO AND WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY  
KUWAITI AIRCRAFT.  
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